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ROGERS SETS DIRECTION OF COLLEGE



Shelton's First Family – Dr. Rick Rogers, President, with his wife Carolyn and their children, Laura and Bryant.

It's been less than a year since Rick Rogers was named president of Shelton State Community College. During this brief time, many changes have taken place on campus. With a renewed emphasis on technical education, enrollment in Shelton's technical classes is up 17%.

Rogers' "can-do" optimism is catching. As one instructor puts it, "I go to see him to complain about a problem, but he's so upbeat and optimistic that you just can't complain around him."

Rogers, who was born, raised, and educated in Tuscaloosa County, plans on being visible and active in the community. "It's important for Shelton to be an active partner in this community. Over the next few years, we'll be searching for new sources of funding to benefit our college, and I hope to work closely with elected officials. The West Alabama community has accepted us as a viable economic resource for the recruitment of business and industry and the training of their workforce.

"We will continue to emphasize the college's academic division as well. We will work hard to enhance the national reputation of our transfer programs; health education, especially nursing, will be very important. We plan to expand our dual enrollment and our distance learning and Internet courses. The C.A. Fredd Campus is a very important part of Shelton, and course offerings will be expanded there this fall," Rogers adds.

About Students ... our Former Students David Hill – Private Eye

When David Hill graduated from Shelton in 1982, he never in his wildest dreams thought he would one day have his own private investigative company. In fact, his business, Alabama Investigative Services, has grown so much since it opened in 1995 that today he is one of only three private investigators in the state to be a member of the National Association of Investigative Specialists.

David's business requires him to travel a great deal. This past month he spent time working in Las Vegas and the Bahamas. Even with the expansion of his business, David hasn't forgotten Shelton. Long active in the Shelton State Alumni Association, David assumes the presidency of the organization in June.

"My company handles every type of investigation except fire," David says. "We handle domestic and insurance accounts, missing persons, process servers, child custody and criminal cases. Confidentiality is very important in this business. A representative of Sally Jesse Raphael called me recently to appear on her television show. I turned them down though because I won't release any of my video."

After leaving Shelton, David went on to graduate from the University

of Alabama with a degree in criminal justice. "After leaving the University, I thought I wanted to work for a large company. That's what I did for a while, but the company wanted me to move, and I didn't want to do that. So I went out on my own and opened my business. That was the best thing I could have done. It's been great. I love what I do. I have my own hours, and I can make time for things like Shelton's Alumni Association," David says.

David and his wife Kristine, also a former Shelton student, merged their families when they married several years ago. Together, they have four children.



David Hill

Shelton State Plans 50th Celebration

In 1947 the Alabama legislature passed the Regional Vocational and Trade School Act, establishing the first four regional trade schools in the state. In 1950 Tuscaloosa was selected as the site for one of these new campuses. Land was purchased at the site of Shelton's former 15th Street Campus (the location now housing Home Depot).

The first class, one in cabinetmaking, opened in December 1952. In January 1953, the new trade school, named the J.P. Shelton Trade school in honor of state representative J.P. Shelton, opened its doors with 300 students and 16 faculty members. Harold I. James was named president of the new school.

Now, almost 50 years later, Shelton State Community College is planning its 50th anniversary celebration. Shelton President Rick Rogers has appointed a committee to plan the event.

Part of the project will include finding pictures, memorabilia, and the names and history of some of the first students and instructors at the college. If you have information you would like to share concerning Shelton's history and birthday celebration, call Lucy Kubiszyn, (205) 391-2221, fax at 391-3912, or E-mail at lkubiszyn@shelton.cc.al.us

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Our Former Students Clint Beasley ... Learning Each Day

Ever since he was in high school in Winfield, Alabama, Clint Beasley knew he wanted a career in something "technical." Today Beasley is described by Verta Barr Meherg, owner of Quality Mazda Volkswagen, as one of the most "up and coming automotive technology technicians with the company."

Beasley worked hard at reaching his goal of a career in automotive technology. "Winfield City High School had an automotive program, and I entered some state competitions. That's what got me interested in Shelton. Since I liked the field so well, both of my brothers have also entered auto mechanics," he says.

"What I like best about the automotive field is that you don't do the same thing every day. In the morning I may be putting brakes on a car and in the evening, I may be installing a motor. It's a never ending thing. My job varies each day.

"Shelton prepared me for a career in automotive technology. Shelton's program teaches students the basics, gives them something to build on. The greatest thing the college has going for it is its co-op program. It lets you get your foot in the door," Beasley says.



Clint Beasley

Shelton's automotive technology co-op program began in 1998 and is sponsored by the college and the Tuscaloosa New Car Dealers Association. Under the program, students enrolled in Shelton's automotive technology program can intern with a local new car dealer before completing the program.

Beasley, who married this past year, believes that to be successful, you have to be humble and willing to learn, both physically and mentally.

OUR FORMER STUDENTS JILL LINN – DANCING WITH THE STARS



Jill Linn

If you take a vacation this summer, you may want to travel to Knoxville, Tennessee, to include Dollywood in your plans. In the theme park, which is named for one of Hollywood's biggest stars, Dolly Parton, you'll find former Shelton student Jill Linn performing at the Celebrity Theater on Paradise Road. This year's show opened in April and will continue through November.

Jill, a Tuscaloosa native, works 12-hour days getting ready for the show. A singer and a dancer, Jill is now entering her fifth season with Dollywood.

Being part of Dollywood has been the experience of a lifetime for the talented performer. Dolly Parton sings with the show on special events, such as last year's Christmas Special, a show done as a fund raiser for the Dollywood Foundation. Jill has performed with Dolly at the Opryland Hotel and appeared on television commercials for Dollywood.

Jill also performs at the Southern Nights Theater in Sevierville, Tennessee, where her responsibilities include choreographing the performances. For the past three years, the Southern Nights show received the Mountain Press Award by being voted the best show of its type in the area.

While a student at Shelton, Jill was chosen Miss Shelton State and represented the college in the Miss Alabama Pageant in 1996. Jill definitely combines brains, beauty and talent. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, national community college honorary, while she was at Shelton. She is currently attending Carson Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee. Jill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Drew Linn of Tuscaloosa.

Our Former Students Don Hartley – The Voice Of Help



Don Hartley

The sky turns black. The wind starts to blow. Bad weather is on its way. A familiar voice from Tuscaloosa County's Emergency Management Agency (EMA) breaks in on your radio or television with a weather update.

That voice belongs to one person - Don Hartley, public information officer for the EMA. Don is also a Shelton State graduate.

The EMA office is in an old cold-war fallout shelter in the basement of Tuscaloosa City Hall. Maps, radar, televisions and computers line the walls. One room is divided into cubicles. Over each cubicle hangs the name of an agency EMA works with during an emergency when employees staff

each cubicle and provide continuous communication. each cubicle and provide continuous communication.

It doesn't take long while touring these facilities to realize the important role the EMA plays in our lives. Funded through local and state governments, the EMA works with other agencies to ensure public safety during times of severe weather, hazardous materials spillings and even terrorism attacks.

Last year Don completed a hazardous materials technician class at the Alabama Fire College. Stressing the importance of this training, Don believes that in case of a terrorist attack, more than likely hazardous material would also be included.

Part of Don's job is to coordinate resources for agencies, monitor storms, warn people, assess damage and respond to the public need. His job includes keeping the county operations plan up-to-date.

"Since the storm last December, there is a heightened awareness of what we do and the need for the EMA. Our daily telephone calls are up by 150%. We are getting a lot of requests now to do severe weather presentations to clubs and other groups. There's a great free book published by FEMA entitled *Taking Shelter from the Storm*. The book tells you how to turn a room of a house into a safe room. Actually, a safe room looks a lot like a bank vault," Don says.

A graduate of Shelton and the University of Alabama, Don is a member of the Shelton State Alumni Council. He finds that many of the courses he took at Shelton help in his present job. "Speech and drama courses provide a basis for effective presentations. Science courses, especially geology classes, help too. In planning for the possibility of earthquakes, it helps to have a knowledge of geology in order to understand how earthquakes could affect this region," he says.

Don spent many years of his life working with the media, especially radio and television. "The media is my first love," he admits, "and it always will be. However, this job with the EMA really gives me a feeling of accomplishment. You know you are doing something to help people, and that your actions can affect people's lives."

Our CURRENT STUDENTS ALL-ALABAMA ACADEMIC TEAM HONORS

Shelton sophomore Tiffany Pate from Boaz, Alabama, was named to the First Team for the Alabama College System All-Alabama Academic Team for 2001. She will attend the University of Alabama next year on an academic scholarship.

While at Shelton, Pate compiled a 4.0 GPA and completed her degree in finance. She was vice president of Phi Theta Kappa and served as a college Ambassador.

As her community project, Pate worked with America's Promise where she coordinated a program that included reading to elementary-aged children at Northington School.



Outstanding PTK Student for the State

L Lauren Moore, a sophomore student at Shelton, has been named the Outstanding Student by Phi Theta Kappa, national community college honorary, for Alabama.

Moore is from Pleasant Grove, Alabama, majoring in English at the college. She was recently named to the Second Team for the Alabama College System All-Alabama Academic Team for 2001.

Last May she was named a finalist for the Freshman of the Year 2000 and was the Outstanding English Composition Student. While at Shelton, Moore received an Academic Scholarship, a Presidential Scholarship and a Soccer (athletic) Scholarship.

She was president of Shelton's Phi Theta Kappa chapter, team captain of the women's soccer team, vice president of the Student Government Association and was a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry.

This past year she coordinated a project for Shelton students to read to children at Northington Elementary and served as a mentor and tutor for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. She was a volunteer at Shelton's Child Development Center and worked with the "Just Say No" drug program in elementary schools.

BASKETBALL COACH & PLAYER - BEST IN STATE -

Shelton State's basketball program continues to receive statewide recognition. Head basketball coach Barry Mohun has been named the 2001 Alabama Junior and Community College Conference Division I Coach of the Year. This award is voted on each year by the AJCCC coaches.

Mohun, in his third year at Shelton, has compiled a 64-10 record. This year's team went 28-4, winning the regular season championship and finishing as the runner-up in the Region XXII tournament.

Mohun was also honored by the Birmingham Tipoff Club with the Glen Clem Junior College Coach of the Year Award. This award is named in honor of long-time Walker College coach, Glen Clem Sr., the winner of seven AJCCC state championships.

Rodney Bias, a 6'9" sophomore at Shelton State, has been chosen the Alabama Junior and Community College Player of the Year. Bias is from Livingston, Alabama, and is a graduate of Livingston High School. He finished the season averaging 20.5 points per game and 18 rebounds, ranking him first in the nation in rebounding. Bias was also named to the Pensacola Thanksgiving Tournament team, the AJCCC All-Region team, and the Region XXII All-Tournament team.

SHELTON MEANS BUSINESS

To Shelton President Rick Rogers, it is important for the college to meet the needs of business and industry. "Over the next few years the college will place a major emphasis on developing partnerships with businesses, manufacturing, and community organizations. Through partnerships we believe we can train, retrain and strengthen our existing work force to meet the needs of this area," Rogers adds.

Shelton began its first training program for business and industry in 1988 with the construction of the Morrison Training Center, a metal building at the back of the college's old 15th Street Campus. The Morrison Center housed the young, fledgling program which quickly grew and expanded, needing more space as Shelton broke ground in 1994 for its new campus.

In 1996 when the college moved to the new Martin Campus, the program for business and industry moved to new facilities and became the Center for Advanced Productivity.

"Restructuring has taken place in Shelton's training for business and industry program (TBI) over the past few months. A new director, Steve Fair, was named to head the center, and the college is expanding programs and services," Rogers said.

Fair brings years of technical experience to the job. Before moving into this new position, he taught machine tool technology and computerized numerical

control (CNC). "Going from the classroom to administration means going from a specific daily focus of helping students to a broader set of goals," Fair says.

According to Fair, TBI is now beginning to diversify its curriculum to meet the training needs of any size or type of business in our area. "We will offer a wide range of training from basic courses such as reading, writing and communications to high tech specific training," he says.

"We plan to offer services to make companies more productive. Studies show a strong correlation between employee training and retention," Fair adds.

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"People are beginning to hear a lot about Work Keys now. Work Keys is a new program for West Alabama, and its purpose is to help develop a world class work force for this area. Ultimately, through this program, we hope businesses and educators will better understand each other's needs.

Work Keys will be the community's resource," Fair says. "Work Keys helps students in technical programs understand how prepared they are for specific jobs and careers in the same way the ACT college entrance exam helps students determine how ready they are for academic study."

Fair is a graduate of Tuscaloosa County High School and received his associate degree from Shelton in 1988. He holds a B.S. degree from Athens State College and a master's degree from the University of Alabama.

FREDD WINS WITH WYNN

When former Stillman College president Dr. Cordell Wynn joined Shelton State last October, everyone at the college was delighted. Wynn, one of the most popular and respected individuals in Tuscaloosa, brought years of experience with him to his new position as special assistant to Rick Rogers. Although Wynn works with all areas of the college, his primary focus is the C.A. Fredd Campus, designated by the U.S. Department of Education as a Historically Black College and University (HBCU).

Relaxing in his office eight months later, Wynn reflects on his accomplishments these last few months and talks about his plans for the new school year. "These past months have been a busy but a pleasant time," Wynn says. "I enjoy the Fredd Campus and the relationship with the college. Dr. Rogers is wonderful to work with and for. We share many of the same dreams of what we want the Fredd Campus to be. In fact, one thing I plan to do this summer is to develop a written plan for the Fredd Campus."

"I've spent a great deal of time these past months exploring, looking for grants and developing proposals designed for HBCUs. We've been busy but it hasn't been particularly fruitful. It's taking the new administration in Washington time to establish their programs. A lot of initiatives have not been announced yet. While we will continue to offer academic courses, the major focus at Fredd will always be technical in nature," Wynn says.

"Since I've been here, I've found there is a tremendous need for scholarships. We want to have an annual fund raising event in honor of C.A. Fredd next year. We already have an endowed scholarship in his name. The money raised from the event would go into this scholarship fund. We want to involve the West Tuscaloosa community in this project.

We're also going to start a new building and maintenance training course. In this program, we will work with the Community Network Association, Inc., a nonprofit organization designed to improve West Tuscaloosa. This course will teach skills that require use of manual dexterity. Students in the program will receive instruction and training that will help them at specific tasks. The four areas of the training/program include structure (carpentry); painting and dry walling; plumbing; and electrical," Wynn says.

"We are very pleased and fortunate to have a person of Dr. Wynn's integrity and vast experience at Shelton State. He is a true gentleman and has already had a tremendous impact on our college. His contributions to our community are legendary and personally, I am thrilled he is willing to share his wisdom and administrative experience," said Shelton President Rick Rogers.

College Dedicates Umphrey Center



Dr. Rogers and his wife, Carolyn, join former Shelton President Tom Umphrey and his wife, Kay, for the dedication.

Recently the college dedicated the "Umphrey Center" in honor of former Shelton president Tom Umphrey and his family. The dedication was held in the college's gymnasium during the final men's basketball game.

During his years as president of the college, Umphrey received the Distinguished Leadership in Higher Education Award and was named the National Pacesetter of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations. He also served as president of the Alabama College Association.

Under his leadership, Shelton was successfully merged with C.A. Fredd Technical College. He also helped with the merger between the Alabama State Fire College and the Alabama Fire Fighters' Personnel Standards and Education Committee. While he was president, the college's new Martin Campus was completed in 1997. Dr. Umphrey retired in August 2000 and was named president emeritus in September 2000.

NEW DEAN AND ASSOCIATE DEANS NAMED AT SHELTON

A new dean of instruction has been hired at Shelton State Community College this spring, while two longtime Shelton instructors were named associate deans. Mark Heinrich, formerly with Carson Newman College of Jefferson City, Tennessee, has been named dean of instruction for Shelton State. Lyda Black and Camille Cochrane have been named associate deans.

Heinrich, who was at Carson-Newman for the past 21 years, was vice president for academic affairs for the college from 1999 until he joined Shelton State April 1. He received his B.S. degree from Tennessee Technological University in 1975 and his M.A. in 1976. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Alabama in 1980. He has a major in counseling and minors in educational psychology, research, statistics, and administration in higher education.

While in graduate school at the University, Heinrich was an academic counselor for the athletic department under Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant from 1978-1980. He was also UA's womens' tennis coach from 1978-1980.

Committed to the team approach and the quality movement, Heinrich believes the most important issues facing the college over the next few years will be ones concerning distance learning, the Internet, enrollment management and dual-enrollment.

Both Black and Cochrane have served as chairs for their respective divisions and have been previously recognized for their accomplishments. Black was named the recipient of the John and Phyllis Todd Award for Exceptional Teaching in 1999 and Cochrane in 2000.

According to Black, whose official title is now Associate Dean of Instruction for the technical division, it is crucial for technical education to remain on the radar screen of West Alabama. "To attract new students, we must continue to adapt to their needs through an updated curriculum and an interdisciplinary approach to the subject matter," Black says.

As part of her responsibilities, she will be responsible for helping the technical faculty reach their goals. One of her first actions will be to make sure all faculty

have computers in their offices. "Our biggest challenge," according to Black, "will be ensuring that Shelton State is a dynamic place where teaching and learning take place."

Black finds a broad difference between her old and new responsibilities. As division chair, she was responsible for the office administration program and faculty. As associate dean, her job is to bring people together in all technical areas.

Originally from Fayette, Alabama, Black holds a B.S. degree from the University of West Alabama and a master's degree from the University of Alabama.

For Camille Cochrane, the new associate dean of academic services, the biggest difference between her old and new position is that she now represents all departments equally. "I'm now a cheerleader and champion of all academic programs, not just math," Cochrane says. "I want to help the college reach its overall goal."

Cochrane sees her new position as one of support for the students and faculty. "My role is to help the academic faculty get the resources they need. Now that we are settled in our new facility, it's up to all of us to promote ourselves, both academically and technically, to become one of the top 25 two-year colleges in the United States," she says.

Cochrane, who has been with Shelton since 1979, has seen many changes at Shelton over the past years. "Of course, the new physical plant and

the philosophical marriage between the college's technical and academic programs have been important accomplishments. The merger with C.A. Fredd in 1993 was also a major milestone," she says.

Cochrane, who grew up in Northport, has a wide and diverse teaching background. Receiving her B.S. and masters degrees from the University of Alabama, Cochrane taught math at Georgia State and the University. On the secondary level, she has taught in Cincinnati and at Westminster Prep School in Atlanta before joining Shelton's faculty.



New Shelton Dean of Instruction Mark Heinrich joins Shelton's associate deans, Camille Cochrane and Lyda Black.

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